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Group: 2182

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;
Amendment of the Abstract; and
Remarks are included following the amendments.